

House Bill 358

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 organization of the executive branch generally, so as to establish the Legislative Oversight  
3 Committee for State Contracts; to provide for its composition, duties, and powers; to provide  
4 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 4 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the organization  
8 of the executive branch generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as  
9 follows:

10 "50-4-8.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

12 (1) 'State agency' means any department, agency, board, authority, commission, bureau,  
13 council, committee, or other unit of the executive branch of state government.

14 (2) 'State contract' means any contract entered into by a state agency.

15 (b) There is created the Legislative Oversight Committee for State Contracts which shall  
16 be composed of six persons: three members of the House of Representatives, one of whom  
17 shall be a member of the minority party, appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
18 Representatives and three members of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the  
19 minority party, appointed by the President of the Senate. The members of such committee  
20 shall be selected within ten days after the convening of the General Assembly in each  
21 odd-numbered year and shall serve until their successors are appointed.

22 (c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of such  
23 committee to serve as chairperson, and the President of the Senate shall appoint one  
24 member of the committee to serve as vice chairperson during each even-numbered year.  
25 The President of the Senate shall appoint a member of such committee to serve as

26 chairperson, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member  
27 to serve as vice chairperson during each odd-numbered year.

28 (d) Upon request by the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, or President  
29 of the Senate, or upon the majority vote of the members of the oversight committee, the  
30 oversight committee shall conduct a review of any state contract over \$100,000.00. Such  
31 review may include, but not be limited to, the terms and conditions of the state contract,  
32 the services or goods provided pursuant to the state contract, the manner in which the state  
33 contract was solicited and entered into, and the qualifications and performance of the  
34 contracting party. The oversight committee shall make a report of its findings on any state  
35 contract to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President of the  
36 Senate.

37 (e) The oversight committee may conduct any independent audit or investigation of a state  
38 contract it deems necessary.

39 (f) All state agencies shall cooperate with the oversight committee and provide such  
40 information or reports as requested by the oversight committee for the performance of its  
41 functions.

42 (g) The members of the oversight committee shall receive the allowances authorized for  
43 legislative members of legislative committees. The funds necessary to pay such allowances  
44 shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the Senate."

45 **SECTION 2.**

46 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.